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Administrative Letter A030

Clarifications of GED Testing Board Rule R277-702

Administrative Letter #30 Clarifications of GED Testing Board Rule R277-702 - Approved 3-2000; Updated 3-29-2017

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FROM: Utah Administrative Code

REGARDING: Clarifications of GED Testing Board Rule R277-702

R277-702-4. Eligibility for GED Testing.

A. GED Testing is open to all individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, gender or disabilities and is open to all individuals regardless of Utah residency.

B. Admission to a GED Test requires the following (*USBE Update 3/1/2017*):

(1) that the candidate be at least 16 years of age and is not enrolled in any Utah K-12 school that issues high school credits or diplomas or both;

(2) if the candidate is age 16, the candidate shall:

(a) as part of the GED testing registration process, complete a state of Utah GED Testing Application for 16-18 Year Old Non-Graduates available from public schools, public charter schools, private or residential special purpose schools:

(i) completed by the school district, charter school, or private or residential special purpose school not associated with a school district, stating that the candidate is not enrolled in a school, and the candidate understands and accepts the consequences and educational choices associated with the withdrawal from a K-12 program of instruction, including the prohibition from returning to a K-12 program anywhere in Utah upon successful passing of all five sections of the GED Test; and

(ii) signed by the candidate's parent/guardian specifically stating that the candidate and parent/guardian understand and accept the consequences and educational choices associated with the candidate's decision to withdraw from a K-12 program of instruction, and authorizing the GED Tests; or

(iii) signed by representatives from a Utah state-sponsored Adult Education District Program stating that the candidate demonstrates academic competencies to meet with success in passing the GED Tests; and

(iv) a marriage certificate in lieu of the parent/guardian signature if the candidate is married.

(3) if the candidate is 17 or 18 years of age and the candidate's graduating class has not graduated, the GED testing candidate shall submit a state of Utah GED Testing Application for 16-18 Year Old Non-Graduates to a Utah state-sponsored Adult Education School District Program:

(a) completed by the school district, charter school, or private or residential special purpose school not associated with a school district, stating the candidate is not enrolled in school; and

(b) signed by the candidate's parent/guardian authorizing the test; or

(c) a marriage certificate in lieu of the parent/guardian signature if the candidate is married.

C. An out-of-school youth of school age who has not successfully passed all five GED Test modules shall be allowed to return to a school district, charter school, private or special purpose school not associated with a school district prior to the time his class graduates with the understanding and expectation that all necessary requirements for the traditional K-12 diploma shall be completed for a regular high school diploma.

D. An out-of-school youth of school age who has received a Utah High School Completion Diploma is not eligible to return to a K-12 high school unless it is required for provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) under the individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C., Chapter 33.

E. An out-of School youth of school age who has successfully passed all five GED Test modules and received a Utah High School Completion Diploma shall be reported as a graduate for K-12 graduation Annual Yearly Progress outcomes.

F. Individuals, as required by an employer or higher education to provide academic competency, who cannot offer proof of high school completion may, upon approval of the USOE GED Testing Administrator, take the GED Tests.

G. Individuals who have previously passed GED Test modules but seeking higher GED Test scores for specific post-secondary institution admission may seek permission to retake the GED Test Module(s) from the USOE GED Testing Administrator.